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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER
EDUCATOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-19j of the general statutes is repealed the
2 following substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 (a) There is established an English language learner educator [loan
4 reimbursement] incentive program to be administered by the Office of
5 Higher Education. [within available appropriations.]

6 [(b) Up to twenty persons may be eligible for reimbursement of
7 federal or state educational loans up to a maximum of five thousand
8 dollars per person per year for up to five years, provided each such
9 person, on or after May 1, 2012, (1) (A) graduates from a teacher
10 preparation program offered by an institution of higher education in
11 this state and completes teacher certification requirements pursuant to
12 section 10-145b, or (B) holds a teaching certificate and completes a
13 program in this state pursuant to which such person receives an

14 endorsement in teaching English to speakers of other languages or
15 bilingual education, (2) if such person has not received an
16 endorsement in teaching English to speakers of other languages or
17 bilingual education, receives such an endorsement, and (3) is
18 employed in a teaching position that requires an endorsement in
19 teaching English to speakers of other languages or bilingual education
20 at a public school in this state and commits, in writing, to remain
21 employed in such a position at a public school in this state for at least
22 five years following such person's receipt of such an endorsement. Any
23 such person eligible for reimbursement under this section who does
24 not remain employed in a teaching position that requires an
25 endorsement in teaching English to speakers of other languages or
26 bilingual education at a public school in this state for at least five years
27 after receiving such an endorsement shall repay the cost to the state of
28 any such reimbursement in accordance with subsection (c) of this
29 section.

30 (c) The executive director of the Office of Higher Education shall
31 treat reimbursement of educational loans pursuant to this section as
32 loans for any person who does not remain employed for at least five
33 years in a teaching position that requires an endorsement in teaching
34 English to speakers of other languages or bilingual education at a
35 public school in this state. The executive director shall determine the
36 manner of the repayment of such reimbursement by persons who do
37 not remain employed in such a position at a public school in this state
38 for five years, provided, for each year of such five-year period that the
39 person does not remain employed in such a position, the person shall
40 owe to the state not less than twenty per cent of the total amount of
41 such reimbursement.

42 (d) The Office of Higher Education may adopt regulations, in
43 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the
44 provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of this section.]

45 (b) Within available appropriations, such program shall provide a

46 grant to any student who (1) is in the last two years of a teacher
 47 preparation program leading to professional certification at any four-
 48 year institution of higher education in this state, and (2) will pursue an
 49 endorsement in bilingual education or teaching English to speakers of
 50 other languages. No student shall receive a grant under such program
 51 for more than two years. Maximum grants shall not exceed five
 52 thousand dollars per year.

53 (c) A student who receives a grant under subsection (b) of this
 54 section and who teaches in a public school in this state under such
 55 bilingual education or teaching English to speakers of other languages
 56 endorsement upon graduation from the teacher education program
 57 shall be eligible for reimbursement of federal or state educational loans
 58 up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars per year for
 59 up to four years of teaching service.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2014	10a-19j
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Statement of Purpose:

To redesign the current English language learner educator loan reimbursement program to allow for grants to and loan reimbursement for a larger pool of eligible students.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]